Program 010

# **DSHS - Children's Administration**

# **Recommendation Summary**

Dollars in Thousands

Dollars in Thousands	Annual FTEs General Fund State		Other Funds	Total Funds
2007-09 Expenditure Authority	2,850.9	659,357	507,092	1,166,449
Total Maintenance Level	2,890.3	711,759	505,036	1,216,795
Difference	39.4	52,402	(2,056)	50,346
Percent Change from Current Biennium	1.4%	7.9%	(0.4)%	4.3%
Performance Changes				
Employee Health Insurance		3,818	1,765	5,583
Federal Stimulus Increase to FMAP		(4,833)	4,833	
Provide Funding for Direct Services	(40.0)	(6,305)	(2,098)	(8,403)
Expedite Adoptions #	, ,	(2,294)	(980)	(3,274)
Reduce Guardian Placements		(1,566)	, ,	(1,566)
Eliminate Secure Crisis Resident Centers #		(4,982)	(4,378)	(9,360)
Reduce Family Support Services #		(5,944)	(1,360)	(7,304)
Eliminate Pilots and Training #	(2.0)	(3,977)	(420)	(4,397)
DIS Rate Reductions		(80)	(44)	(124)
Move Accounts to General Fund #		1,490	(1,490)	, ,
Governor-Directed Freeze		(3,902)	(3,902)	(7,804)
Actuarial Method Changes #		(4,782)	(2,226)	(7,008)
Subtotal	(42.0)	(33,357)	(10,300)	(43,657)
Total Proposed Budget	2,848.3	678,402	494,736	1,173,138
Difference	(2.6)	19,045	(12,356)	6,689
Percent Change from Current Biennium	(0.1)%	2.9%	(2.4)%	0.6%

#### PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS

#### **Federal Stimulus Increase to FMAP**

A federal stimulus package is expected to increase the state's Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage (FMAP). Using information from an analysis prepared by the Federal Funds Information for States, Washington is expected to gain an estimated \$780 million in increased federal revenues for FMAP-eligible programs. These funds will reduce state obligations by \$575 million in the 2009-11 Biennium. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

# **Provide Funding for Direct Services**

The Children's Administration, in an effort to prioritize funding for direct services, will implement savings initiatives to reduce administrative costs. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

# **Expedite Adoptions #**

The Adoption Support Program provides a monthly grant for over 12,000 adopted children. Savings are achieved by expediting adoptions for 600 legally free children and eliminating five-year adoption support reviews. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

## **HUMAN SERVICES - DSHS**

#### **Reduce Guardian Placements**

Guardianship placements will be limited, resulting in savings as the federal government shares placement costs by increasing federal participation.

## Eliminate Secure Crisis Resident Centers #

Secure Crisis Residential Centers (SCRC) are eliminated. Other adolescent placement options, such as Hope beds, semi-secure CRCs and responsible living skills are retained. (General Fund-State, Violence Reduction and Drug Enforcement Account-State)

## Reduce Family Support Services #

Crisis family intervention services and contracts with chemical dependency professionals are reduced. Continuum of care services and parent education support are eliminated. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

#### Eliminate Pilots and Training #

Funding for trauma mitigation, intensive resource foster homes, and sex abuse recognition training is eliminated. The Foster Care to Age 21 pilot is eliminated, yet funding is retained to allow youth currently in the program to continue until they age out. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

#### Move Accounts to General Fund #

Legislation is being proposed that would merge the Health Services, Water Quality, and Violence Reduction and Drug Enforcement accounts into the General Fund. This revision does not contribute to solving the projected deficit, but will add \$1.5 billion to both the expenditure and revenue amounts for the GFS.